

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An interactive program guide system including user equipment with which an interactive television program guide is provided and which includes a video recorder and a television, comprising:

means for receiving television program guide information for use in the interactive television program guide;

means for determining whether the video recorder and television are a combined unit;

means for selecting a program for recording from the interactive television program guide; and

means for displaying a message prior to recording the selected program when the video recorder and television are a combined unit that informs the user that recording is to begin and asks the user whether to continue with recording.

2. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for cancelling the

recording of the selected program when the user chooses to not continue with recording in response to the message.

3. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of television channels; and

means for tuning to the channel for the selected program and directing the video recorder to record the selected program when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

4. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 3 further comprising means for recording the selected program without directing the video recorder to turn on when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

5. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 1 further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of television channels;

means for tuning to the channel for the selected program, turning on the video recorder, and directing the video recorder to record the selected program when the user does not respond to the message.

6. (Original) A method for using an interactive program guide system using user equipment with which an interactive television program guide is provided and which includes a video recorder and a television, comprising:

receiving television program guide information for use in the interactive television program guide;

determining whether the video recorder and television are a combined unit;

selecting a program for recording from the interactive television program guide; and

displaying a message prior to recording the selected program when the video recorder and television are a combined unit that informs the user that recording is to begin and asks the user whether to continue with recording.

7. (Original) The method defined in claim 6 further comprising cancelling the recording of the selected program when the user chooses to not continue with recording in response to the message.

8. (Original) The method defined in claim 6 further comprising:

receiving a plurality of television channels;
and

tuning to the channel for the selected program and directing the video recorder to record the selected program when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

9. (Original) The method defined in claim 8 further comprising recording the selected program without directing the video recorder to turn on when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

10. (Original) The method defined in claim 6 further comprising:

receiving a plurality of television channels;
and

tuning to the channel for the selected program, turning on the video recorder, and directing the video recorder to record the selected program when the user does not respond to the message.

11. (Original) An interactive program guide system including user equipment with which an interactive television program guide is provided and which includes a video recorder and a television, comprising:

communications circuitry configured to receive television program guide information for use in the interactive television program guide;

control circuitry configured to determine whether the video recorder and the television are a combined unit and to allow the user to select a program for recording from the interactive television program guide; and

display circuitry configured to display a message prior to recording the selected program when the video recorder and television are a combined unit that informs the user that recording is to begin and asks the user whether to continue with recording.

12. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 11 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to cancel the recording of the selected program when the user chooses to not continue with recording in response to the message.

13. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 11 further comprising tuner circuitry configured to receive a plurality of television channels, wherein the control circuitry is further configured to direct the tuner circuitry to tune to the channel for the selected program and direct the video recorder to record the selected program when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

14. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 13 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to direct the video recorder to record the selected program without directing the video recorder to turn on when the user chooses to continue with recording in response to the message.

15. (Original) The interactive program guide system defined in claim 11 further comprising tuner circuitry configured to receive a plurality of television channels, wherein the control circuitry is further configured to direct the tuner circuitry to tune to the channel for the selected program, directs the video recorder to turn on, and direct the video recorder to record the selected program when the user does not respond to the message.

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